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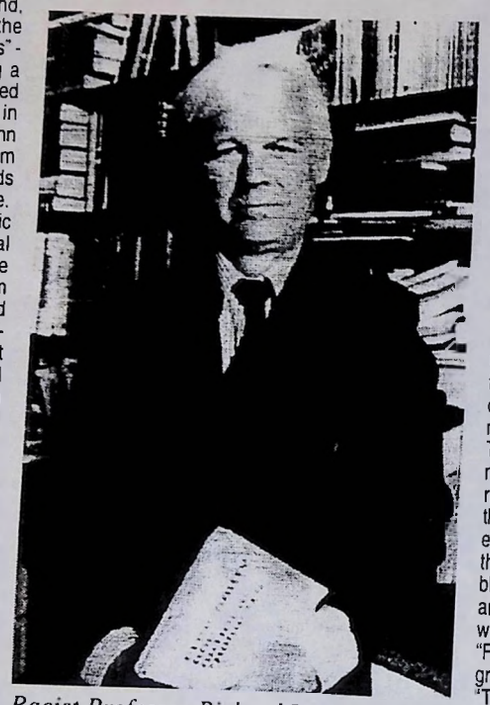
Eamonn McCann on Richard Lynn. **Fintan O'Toole** on the Soccor Riots. Roundup of European and Dublin news. Why **you** should join the ANL.

RICHARD LYNN'S RACIST WORLD

BY EAMON McCANN

RICHARD LYNN IS THE UNIVERSITY OF ULSTER'S DIRTY SECRET. He is Professor of Psychology at the university's Coleraine campus. The authorities there hope that he will go away quietly when his tenure ends next year. But members of the Anti Nazi League are determined to drag the questions raised by his activities out into the open, and they are right.

Lynn is involved in a network of academics on both sides of the Atlantic who supply racist organisations with "respectable" arguments for campaigns of hate. The network is subsidised by a New York - based foundation, the Pioneer Fund, which was founded in the '30s to promote "eugenics" - the project for producing a "master race" which reached its highest expression in Germany under Hitler. Lynn has received vast sums from the Pioneer Fund towards his "research" at Coleraine.



Racist Professor Richard Lynn

Lynn is no closet academic remote from the practical implications of his work. He eagerly seeks mainstream outlets for his views, and appears to have little difficulty finding takers. His most recent broadside appeared in the *Irish Independent* on November 1st, reprinted from the London *Times*.

In an extended review of *The Bell Curve*, a book by two of his US co-thinkers, Lynn declared that "two percent of the population fall in the IQ range of 0-70 and constitute the mentally retarded, while a further two percent fall in the range 130-170 and constitute the intellectual elite.

"Virtually all the readers of this article" he assured his Indo readers, strangely, "will belong to this intellectual elite, or be close to it."

He then got down to cases: "The average IQ of mothers of illegitimate children is 88; of chronic welfare recipients, 85; of recidivist criminals, 80; of the long-term unemployed 77.

"Collectively these social problem groups are known as the underclass, and the bottom line is that the underclass has an intelligence deficit."

Now even if the IQ scores were accurate - which they are not; test results vary far too widely to admit of such exact figures for particular - it wouldn't matter much. Nobody can say for certain what IQ tests measure apart from the ability to do IQ tests. Lynn simply defines intelligence to mean the ability to do IQ tests and then proceeds blithely down his chosen path towards race hatred and totalitarianism.

Moreover, the fact that the ability to do IQ tests might very roughly correlate with the position of different groups in society tells us nothing about how this correlation comes about.

The long-term unemployed tend, for example, to have lower body weight and a shorter life-expectancy.

Few sensible people would conclude that the unemployed are out of work because of low body weight and short life-expectancy.

They would see the relationship the other way around and take it as accentuating the urgency of fighting long-term unemployment. But that's not how Lynn and his network handle their evidence, such as it is.

"Intelligence is largely under genetic control," the Coleraine professor proclaims. "This means that the underclass is, to a significant extent, a genetic problem and will not be readily cured by the kinds of solutions advocated by economists and politicians...

"With an average IQ of 77, the chronic unemployed are not much above the level of mental retardation and many of them are below it. The brutal truth is that many of the chronic unemployed are mentally incapable of learning the skills increasingly required in advanced economies. All they are capable of is the unskilled work which is less and less in demand."

Lynn, like the authors of *The Bell Curve*, Richard Hernstein and Charles Murray, moves unerringly from this "perception" towards the conclusion they very likely had in mind from the outset.

The low-IQ underclass, they note, is not evenly distributed among the races. "In the United States" writes the University of Ulster man, "the average IQ of blacks is 15 points below that of whites, and 16 percent of blacks have an IQ of below 70 and are mentally retarded, as compared with only two percent of whites...

"Furthermore, the black underclass is growing in numbers.

"There is one good thing the underclass is good at and that is producing children. These children tend to inherit their parents poor intelligence and adopt their sociopathic lifestyle."

It is at this point that Lynn's activities at the Coleraine campus overlap with overt racist campaigning of far-Right groups in both Europe and the US and , at the edge, touch on outright Nazism.

Four years ago the *Independent on Sunday* traced Lynn's connection with the US-published *Mankind Quarterly* which also enjoys the financial support of the Pioneer Fund, and has links with former Nazi geneticists. The UU academic confirmed that he was an "honourary associate editor" of the magazine, and that the ancient Baron Otmar von Verschuer was an editorial adviser - although Lynn insisted that he did not know Vershuer personally. Vershuer had been director of genetics and eugenics at the Kaiser Wilhelm Institute during World War Two and had recommended his pupil Joseph Megele for the position of camp doctor at Auschwitz.

Mankind Quarterly is edited by an ex-patriate British academic, Roger Pearson - another Pioneer Fund recipient - whose views on the necessity of racial purity were quoted last month in Rolling Stone: "If a nation with a more advanced, more specialised or in any way superior set of genes mingles with, instead of exterminating, an inferior tribe, then it commits racial suicide."

Words like "Nazi" are nowadays flung around far too frequently, used as generalised political insults until they have lost all precision. But in Pearson's case the term can be properly deployed: that *is* the statement of a Nazi. And Professor Lynn of the University of Ulster openly, readily announces his association with him.

Lower-level Nazis appear to have picked up on the association too. A few months ago the Anti Nazi League organised a march in Coleraine protesting against the university providing Lynn with a base for his "research". As the 100 or so marchers, mainly teenagers, walked along the main shopping street, a score or so of extremely angry men burst out from a pub screaming slogans and holding aloft the Ulster flag and copies of the National Front paper, *Bulldog*, and attacked the march with fists and boots. In the ensuing fracas a number of people on both sides took blows before the attackers withdrew.

It was a minor incident which as far as I know was reported only in the *Belfast Telegraph* and in the local *Coleraine Chronicle*. What struck me most at the time was one of the slogans of the attackers, "White Rights! White Rights!", and the "insult" they chose to direct at their targets: not, as the display of the Ulster flag might have suggested as most "natural" - "Fenians" or "Provos" - but "Red scum", "nigger-lovers" and so forth.

If the University of Ulster can't make the political connections, clearly there are others around Coleraine who can.

Members of the university's academic staff tell me that the college authorities anticipate Lynn retiring next year, and hope that the issue will disappear quietly with him. In the meantime, the official university line is that Lynn's racist activities and associations are none of their concern, since the work financed by the Pioneer fund is conducted not by the Psychology Department but by an outfit run independently by Lynn himself.

This organisation is styled "The Ulster Institute For Social Research". However, no such title is listed in the North's telephone directory, nor is directory enquiries aware of its existence. Pioneer Fund documents obtained by anti-racist researchers in New York give the "institute's" address as 276 Drumcroon Rd., Coleraine, BT 51 3QT. This is Lynn's home. The New York researchers have been able to fax to me details of one Pioneer Fund grant supplied to Lynn, of $50,000 forwarded on February 12th 1992 for a study of "the effect of nutrition on intelligence and male-female differences in ability and motivation" (Lynn is also on record as believing that women are inherently less intelligent than men).

This wasn't Lynn's first Pioneer Fund bonanza *Rolling Stone* says that between 1971 and 1992 he received grants from the fund totalling $325,000 - and RS locates the beneficiary not at Drumcroon Road in "Univ. of Ulster."

The Pioneer Fund was set up in 1937 by one Wickliffe Draper, a multi-millionaire who had made his money from the labour of textile workers in New England. Its first president was Harry Laughlin, one of the best-known US promoters of "master race" theory at that time. In the '20s Laughlin had played a key role in pushing through legislation to keep Jews fleeing from persecution in Europe out of the US, testifying to Congress that IQ scores showed that 83 percent of Jewish immigrants were feeble-minded and likely to dilute the quality of the nation's gene-pool.

Laughlin had also been the author of the Model Eugenical Sterilisation Law, which he circulated and campaigned for across the US. Adopted in various forms by 30 states, it resulted in the forced sterilisation of tens of thousands of "retarded" people, mainly blacks, the unemployed, "immoral" women etc. It was used as the basis of the Nazi eugenics programme under which at least two million people in Germany were forcibly sterilised.

The Pioneer Fund organised "Draper Committees" which lobbied for restrictions on immigration and, for example, for the segregation of white and black blood in blood-banks. In the '50s it was heavily involved in court actions to halt integration in schools, restaurants etc.

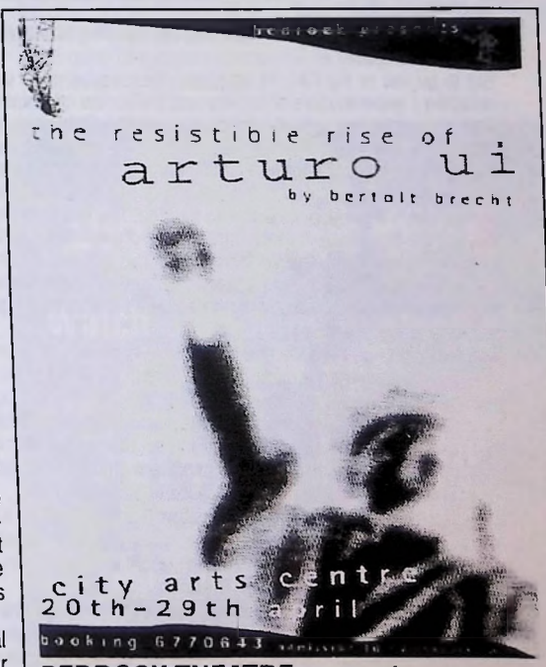
Rolling Stone lists more recent recipients of Pioneer Fund largesse. These include: University of Northern Iowa educational psychologist and vice-chairman of the pro-Nazi German-American National Congress Ralph Scott, financed to tour the US in the '70s, arguing that school integration would reduce academic standards; University of Southern Mississippi anthropologist Donald Swan, assisted to continue "research" to show that blacks were of a different, lower *species* than whites; William Shoekley, a Stanford University mathematical-science professor, financed to develop a plan to offer social welfare recipients of low IQ incentives to be sterilised - $1,000 for every IQ point below 100; John Hopkins University sociology professor Robert Gordon, who has a "softer" scheme for convincing people of low IQ not to have children; Lina Gottfredson, an educational studies professor at the University of Delaware and heroine of leading white supremacist David Dukes, a campaigner against affirmative action to reverse racial discrimination in education and jobs... And so on.

The Fund distributes around a million dollars to about 20 recipients every year. The emphasis is very strongly on academic projects located in respectable universities. The pre-determined racist results can then be presented as objective and even "authoritative". This is what Lynn is at.

The fact that drunk thugs flaunting a Fascist party's paper wade in with boots and fists to defend him is appropriate.

Rolling Stone reckons Lynn is currently the fifth-largest recipient of Pioneer Fund money in the world. Meanwhile, the university bosses ring-fence their racist with hypocrisy and cant about his "independent" research projects.

But it is precisely his position in the university which confers spurious respectability on him. In both *The Times* and the *Irish Independent* he was identified as the "Professor of Psychology at the University of Ulster, Coleraine."



BEDROCK THEATRE presents
The Resistable Rise of Arturo Ui
Bertolt Brecht's 1941 parody of the rise of Hitler draws a picture of complacent politicians, galloping corruption and right-wing gangsters.
A play for now.
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PLAYING GAMES WITH FASCISM

by Fintan O'Toole

IFTHERE IS ANYTHING AT ALL to be gained from the dreadful debacle at Landsdowne Road it is that at least we can now say we have seen fascism in action. To put it at its crudest, the violence that soured the last domain of Irish innocence was the clash of a stoppable force and a moveable object. The former is organised fascism, the latter Irish naivety about it. What we saw, live on our screens, was ourselves waking up to the realities of our times.

The innocence displayed by the Football Association of Ireland and by the Garda is remarkable but not unusual. On Tuesday there were newspaper reports of plans by a group of English fascists, organised by the British National Party, the National Front and Combat 18, to disrupt the match.

On Wednesday, 15th February, on RTE's one o'clock radio news we had the FAI's security expert assuring us that there would be no trouble and that if there was, it would be nothing that could not be handled. There were, he told us, lots of stewards, both professional and voluntary. The image of the jolly geezers with orange vests marked "Maor" confronting the kind of soccer terrorist we have seen again and again at matches all over Europe was, even before the event, alarming.

As a preparation for a predictable and indeed predicted fascist invasion, it had all the comic absurdity of the Local defence Force scouring the Irish Sea for invading Nazis during the Emergency.

But to be fair to the FAI, its attitude - inexcusable as it is - reflected a wider mixture of naivety and deliberate ignorance. Just a week before, an attempt to discuss the 50th anniversary of the liberation of Auschwitz in the Seanad was interrupted by a senator of fabulous intellectual gifts who insisted that he was disappointed to be talking about concentration camps when the west of Ireland was flooded. The (ital)Evening Herald had high praise for this man's sense of priorities, which it regretted were not shared by more of our political representatives. And indeed, the senator's sensitivity to the wider world was probably not much more deficient than that of large sections of the Irish public.

Just last year, for instance, we had a similar display of well-meaning naivety when a number of university debating societies invited the "historian" and far-right organiser David Irving to speak at meetings around the State. They seemed to think that fascism is some kind of vague intellectual game which works by gentle persuasion, and that patient argument would turn fascists into sweetly reasonable democrats.

On when anti Nazi groups made a fuss were the invitations to Irving withdrawn, and even then there were those who felt sore that they had not been given the opportunity to demonstrate the infinite bounty of their liberalism.

The last seven years of Irish soccer success have in some ways made us more naive about the realities of contemporary Europe. Our own innocent optimism has been reflected back to us from Stuttgart, from Rome, even from Tirana. We have painted Europe green, made it a playground of beer and bonhomie, of heroic feats and daring adventures. Soccer became the unlikely last domain of Irish innocence.

The Loughlinsland massacre on the night of Ireland's greatest soccer victory over Italy in New York, took the shine off that innocence. And now the events of the England match have tarnished it, perhaps for good. Both events reminded us that however much we felt that we had found in the Irish soccer team an innocent and entirely benign expression of national pride and patriotism, nationalism always contains within itself the potential for fascism.

Before we get too self-righteous about English thugs it is well worth remembering that although the record of Irish fans is by comparison superb, it is not immaculate. Paul Ince, the brilliant England midfielder, who is black, was jeered by some Irish fans. Last year, at the game against Northern Ireland in Landsdowne Road, Northern Irish fans were taunted with the sensitive slogan, "There's only one team in Ireland".

Wonderful as our record is, there are edges of triumphalism and of xenophobia to it. Who is to say that if you were to add organised fascism to the mix of national pride and enemy baiting there would not be the same kind of hooligan element in Irish soccer support as there is in English, Dutch, German and Italian?

One of the most striking aspects of the events of that Wednesday, indeed, is how easily they can be made into a reverse replay of the old colonial stereotypes. For a long time, English politicians and media cast the Irish as unstable troublemakers and the English as civilised sophisticates. It is all too easy now to simply turn these stereotypes inside out, with the English as primitive beasts inflicting their ill-bred barbarities on the gentle and cultured Irish.

We should remember that the stereotype was ignorant and boorish when it worked against us, and is no less so when it works against the English. It is just as stupid to use fascist yobs to as a convenient cipher for England as it is to use the likes of the Warrington bombers - who after all caused much more savage mayhem on the streets of England than anything we saw at Lansdowne Road - as a true symbol of Ireland.

The problem is political, not national. Most European countries other than Ireland have serious substantial and persistent fascist movements, drawing in the 1990s on economic dislocation, social insecurity and the reservoir of sheer stupidity which exists in all societies at all times. All have been encouraged by respectable right-wing politicians who are not fascist but who are willing to use xenophobia, authoritarianism and coded racism to further their own careers. Some, like the Italian neo-fascists, have actually been brought into government in the recent past.

It shouldn't take outrages like Wednesday night's to bring those political realities home to us. We shouldn't have to see the Nazi salutes, the faces twisted in hate, the frightened children, the bloody heads right here in Dublin before we wake up to them. We shouldn't have allowed ourselves to think of Europe merely as a series of venues for the travelling roadshow of Irish soccer.

Now that we have been so unpleasantly woken up, we should remember the lesson so painfully learned: don't play games with fascism.

CLEAN UP BLESSINGTON STREET

Abusive racist graffiti has been daubed over dozens of houses and shops in Dublin's Blessington Street.

A number of black families and students live on the street.

Filthy slogans "Blacks out of Ireland", "Wogs go home" and "Get out Kaffir" were daubed on the doors of two blocks of flats. They were immediately removed by Corporation workers.

But just a few days later local people woke up to find the entire street; doors, shops, boardings covered with the same slimey, graffiti.

"Everybody on the street came out to clean it off, not just the Corpo this time", according to one local resident.

"The low-life that does this are obviously organised and determined to intimidate the few black people who live here."

The Anti Nazi League (ANL) have been petitioning residents in the Blessington Street area to unite in opposition to these racists. Local people are disgusted by this behavious but have no expression for their anger.

The ANL urge everybody who opposes this kind of activity to get into the demonstration in Dublin on April 22nd.

It's crucial we organise now against racism and facism wherever it rears it's ugly head.

IN EUROPE

Germany

A leading US Nazi, Gary Lauck, was arrested in Denmark in March. He is to be extradited to Germany on charges of smuggling AntiSemitic, Nazi literature into the country. Some of this material advocated a campaign of assassination and terrorism.

The bombing and murder of four gypsies in Austria in early February by German Nazis shows that this is not just rhetoric. German police have, over the last few years, discovered large caches of weapons, ammunition and explosives belonging to Nazi groups. The most recent find at the end of last year was in a forest near frankfurt.

France

The first round of the French presidential election takes place on the 23rd of April. Opinion polls suggest that Le Pen will get 13-15% of the vote.

Despite what he might like us to believe Le Pen is and always has been a fascist.

As a student during the Second World War he worked with the Nazi occupation authorities. He was a member of the right-wing anti Algerian terrorist organisation the OAS on the fifties. In '65 he was an election agent for an openly fascist presidential candate. He was convicted in '68 of selling recording of Hitlers' speeches and Nazi marching songs. More recently he described the Holocaust as "a detail of history".

Quite clearly beneath his suit he wears a brown shirt!

Italy

The Italian fascist party too is trying to present itself as just an ordinary conservative party. But the scum behind them keep reappearing.

Two gypsy children were badly injured in mid-March by a bomb in Pisa. A motorist gave a booby-trapped doll to Sengui Demirowska and her three year old brother. When she opened the package it exploded, injuring her legs and arms. The blast blew off the boy's hand.

He may also lose the sight in his left eye.

A group calling itself White Brotherhood claimed responsibilty for the attack. One man, Caso, has been arrested. A search of his home unearthed guns, knives, explosives, fascist insignia and a poster Mussolini.

Caso has also been linked with a Neo-Nazi group called Ludwig which orientates on the soccer team Fiorentina.

The bomb is part of a growing number of attacks across Italy on imigrants and gypsies. In January, fascists left a booby-trapped book of children's fairy tales outside a gypsy camp. A five year old boy lost a hand in the explosion.

UPCOMING EVENT

Watch out for an evening of comedy with

Jeremy Hardy

A benefit for the ANL

JUNE 6th.

WHY YOU SHOULD JOIN THE ANL

HISTORY

THE ANTI NAZI LEAGUE was founded in autumn 1993 to oppose invitations given to Nazi apologist David Irving. He was asked to speak at various universities, radio and television shows. After a vigorous campaign by the ANL, exposing his lack of credentials and his far-right agenda the invitations were withdrawn.

Since then the ANL has campaigned againt fascism and racism in Ireland. We have organised to oppose racist and bigoted ideas whether they be aimed at Travellers, Jews, Black people, the disabled, the Gay and Lesbian Movement, and we support the right of people to live without fear of violence. We have consistently exposed the racist roots and aims of the work of Richard Lynn in Coleraine. We have organised gigs and demonstrations in Dublin. Because the recent rise of fascism is not confined to one country, the ANL has formed links with similar organisations in the UK and Europe. We took a coach over to London for the biggest anti-fascist demonstration and carnival seen in London since the Second World War. Over 125,000 marched through South London to help wipe the British National Party off the streets.

This year we organised an open-air vigil to commemorate the 50th anniversay of the liberation of Auschwitz. Speakers included representative of members of the community under attack from far-right politics as well as Holocaust survivor Frans Frisson. We took signatures for a book of condolences to go from Irish people to the museum at Auschwitz.

WHAT THE ANL STANDS FOR

The Anti Nazi League exists to oppose fascism. We recognise that fascism breeds on the insecurity that comes from the fear of unemployment and the sense of frustration and powerlessness that many people feel in their lives. The ANL argues not only for solidarity between the groups that can be exposed to intolerance, but believes a strong organisation depends on ordinary people from all parts of society. Black and white unite and fight.

The Anti Nazi League in Ireland was instigated by members of the Socialist Workers' Movement, but quickly expanded to include all kinds of people from a variety of political parties, as well as Trade Unionists, journalists, pop stars, Travellers, etc. To join the Anti Nazi League all you need to be is opposed to racism, and in favour of a tolerant, democratic society. The ANL welcomes new members who want to get active in whatever way, whether it be organising meetings in their own workplaces or schools, or contributing their skills and time to the organisation.

FRANS FRISSON SPEAKS AT THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE LIBERATION OF AUSCHWITZ

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